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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: DENDRITIC CELLS TRANSDUCED WITH A
WILD-TYPE SELF GENE ELICIT POTENT ANTITUMOR IMMUNE RESPONSES –
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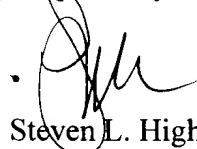
Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 98-page patent specification including 60 claims and an abstract. Also included are Figures 1-4 on 5 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Dmitry Gabrilovich, David Carbone, Sunil Chada and Abner Mhashilkar for the captioned invention.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicants' representative.

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Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension on the transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium* strains. The *Agrobacterium* strains were cultured in YEA medium for 24 h and then adjusted to a concentration of 1×10^8 cells/ml. The cells were then diluted to various concentrations and used for transformation. The transformation efficiency was determined by the number of transformants per 10^6 cells. The data are the mean \pm SD of three independent experiments.